

Basic amenities for regularised colonies

405. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government propose to regularize 1500 unauthorised colonies in Delhi and New Delhi;
- (b) if so, how the Central Government propose to provide water, sanitation and sewage, etc. to these unauthorised colonies, if they are regularized; and
- (c) the amount of money that is estimated to be required for providing basic amenities to these colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Union Government on 8.2.2007 has approved a proposal regarding revision in the guidelines for regularization of unauthorized colonies in Delhi.

(b) and (c) The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that a time bound programme for providing necessary basic facilities in the unauthorized colonies would be prepared on the receipt of the policy guidelines for regularization of unauthorized colonies from Government of India. It is not possible to estimate the amount of money for provision of basic amenities in the unauthorized colonies at this juncture.

Increase in passengers in Delhi Metro Rail

406. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of passengers travelling in Delhi Metro Rail has increased tremendously;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Delhi Metro Rail Corporation propose to increase night and morning services keeping in view the increase in number of passengers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. has reported that ridership has increased marginally. On an average around 4.7 lakhs passengers are using the metro services every day.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The present frequency of trains during existing revenue hours are considered adequate for meeting the average traffic given in (a) above. Starting of night services is not under consideration as there is not enough ridership after 2200 hours.

UIDSSMT for Andhra Pradesh

407. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allotted under the scheme to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh till date; and

(d) the progress achieved by Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) has been launched on 3rd December, 2005 for improvement of urban infrastructure in towns/cities excluding cities covered under Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in a planned manner and to implement the urban/municipal reforms.

(c) During 2005-06 no State-wise allocation of funds was made. However, Rs. 49.20 crore was released to Andhra Pradesh State. During 2006-07 the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been provided with an